

**District V Advisory Board
Minutes
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**February 3, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

**Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
443 S. 135th West**

The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse at 335 S. 135th Street West. In attendance were the District V City Council Member/Vice-Mayor and six (6) District Advisory Board Members. Four (4) City Staff were present and approximately eight (8) members of the public of which three signed in as guests.

Members Present

Amy Garcia
Maurice Ediger
Teresa Schmidt
David Dennis
Laura Scrafford
Andy Johnson
Amy Doan

Staff Present

Donna Goltry, Planning
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office
Wayne Bolen, OCI
Officer Chris Mains, Police

Members Absent

Sean Cash
Brendan Groves
Fran Hoggatt
Bob Sorensen
Dave Almes
Samantha Morgan
Bob Bulman

Guests

Steve Winslow, 1910 N. Wood 67212
Clete Dold, 218 S. Breezy Pt Circle 67235
Betty Ladwig, 406 N. Jaax

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07. **Vice Mayor Bob Martz** explained the purpose of the District Advisory Board is advisory to him as the elected representative for City Council District V. He also said that the voting was limited to the Board Members only, even in tie votes, and that his opportunity to vote on issues would be restricted to the City Council Meetings. He acknowledged that many issues come before the Board that are emotional to members of the public but he asked that appropriate behavior be maintained at the meeting and that each individual speak only when acknowledged during the process.

The **minutes for January 6, 2003** were approved as read (Ediger/Dennis) by a 5-0 vote.

The **agenda** for the meeting of February 3, 2003 was approved.

Public Agenda

No items were scheduled for the public agenda and none were presented as off-agenda items of concerns or requests.

Planning Agenda

Donna Goltry, Planning Department, presented a request to revise the Community Unit Plan - C.U.P. 2002 - DP-150, The Landing C.U.P. Amendment #4, to allow for the demolition of a hotel and restaurant to provide additional parking and seasonal display for a Wal-Mart Super center. Goltry explained that the request was appropriate with the other buildings in the commercial area, satisfying the compatibility of the architecture. In addition, landscape screening had been requested by Planning in consideration of the residential area along Taft Street in back of the building and had been agreed to by the applicant.

Bob Kaplan, agent for the applicant, reviewed the request and explained that the intent to demolish existing buildings would provide the additional parking for the business, allowing space for approximately 5 cars/1,000 feet. In addition, the additional space would allow adequate circulation area for traffic.

The board voted 5-0 to support the staff recommendation to approve with the associated conditions (**Johnson/Schmidt**).

Action: Board recommended approval of the request subject to conditions listed in the staff report (5:0).

Staff Presentations

Community Police Report

Community Police Officer Christopher Main, Beat 18 of District V, provided the report. He first said that a change had been made in officer assignments including moving Officer Alex Dean from second shift to third shift. Main introduced Officer Lee Eisenbise as Dean's replacement on second shift. Main reported that the Zoo Boulevard & Interstate Highway 235 intersection had become the city's highest accident intersection due to the turn signal being too short in duration for left turns to be made by westbound traffic turning into the intersection to travel south on I-235. Main said that the police website listed the high accident intersections and encouraged the public to review the information. Main also said that drug activity had been high in the area of Maple and Ridge in a public housing development.

Officer Eisenbise said that several traffic complaints had been received in the area of 10100 Yosemite. Johnson noted that he had observed a radar trailer in that area but didn't notice it until he was almost near it. Johnson asked if it would be more effective to have the trailer more visible. Mains responded that traffic data is actually skewed if the driver notices it too soon due to responding to the trailer by slowing their speed. Johnson also asked if the trailer was still being used at 21st Street to control speed. Mains said it had been very effective in slowing traffic and that 225 speeding violations had been written in one 4-hour period during the use of the traffic trailer.

Ediger asked why officers would have speed traps set up on East Kellogg & Vine Street on Sunday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Mains said that the time was at the end of a shift and an officer might choose to use that time to select a specific area of focus for observance.

Action: Receive and file.

Board Agenda

Because Office of Central Inspection staff had not yet arrived from the District VI Advisory Board, **Vice Mayor Martz** moved to Item #6, Board Agenda. **This portion of the agenda allows an opportunity for Council Member and the District Advisory Board Members to report any updates, activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or district.**

Vice Mayor Martz

- Updates.

Vice Mayor Martz reported that staff had learned that the concerns for the driving practices by funeral escorts had been addressed in the past year. Staff said that the issue had been an ongoing study for a committee involving representatives of the Police Department, Law Department, and area funeral directors. A draft ordinance had been developed and was pending the Police Chief's feedback and/or approval. A meeting was scheduled to review the draft ordinance by Police and City Manager's Office and initiate action, as appropriate. Questions were raised from Board members about how other communities have handled the issue; avoiding certain intersections; and, if training is required for the drivers. Staff assured the Board that these questions would be presented at the meeting.

Vice Mayor Martz then explained an issue involving an *area of influence* with boundary lines designated by the City of Maize. A new elementary school is being constructed just south of the Maize city limits and needs City of Wichita water to be provided including construction of water lines. The school property is in an area that is "infrastructure dependent" on the City of Wichita with its need for the City's water. The City of Wichita is responding to the request and construction is scheduled soon. Easement has been purchased from 29th to 37th Street on the east side of Maize Road to construct the water line. Because a bike path exists along Maize Road, more easement than normally required is necessary. One important factor that influences the City's response to provide the water service is the make-up of the school enrollment in Maize schools. It is expected that 100% of the elementary students who will attend the new school will live in Wichita. Currently, 90% of Maize High School students live in Wichita. Extension of water service will also permit the City to annex properties receiving Wichita water that abut the current City limits.

DAB Members

- Concerns/issues/updates

Johnson presented the issue of drainage in Hickory Creek as shown in the "paper trail" that he previously provided previously for review by Board Members. A discussion

ensued regarding concerns for the lack of action/lack of enforcement by the City. **Almes** asked if this wasn't the very issue associated with platting that had been an ongoing subject of concern for the Board. **Vice Mayor Martz** said that he would attempt to meet with Public Works on this for more information.

Ediger asked if any discussion on a smoking ban in restaurants such as the ones recently in the news for other communities had been discussed? Vice Mayor Martz said no, not yet. Ediger also asked if he had understood correctly that the Council action to provide temporary work to laid-off workers would provide pay \$6.00/hour up to \$500.00/month? He also asked if the laid off workers would be required to provide proof that they were laid off their employment. Vice Mayor Martz stated that the intent of the action was to provide temporary work to as many people as possible. He said that the City had identified 300 + positions and 19 additional projects through the Capital Improvement Program that would provide additional job opportunities. Vice Mayor Martz explained that the jobs would not all be available at one time but the opportunities would still exist for some assistance.

Johnson asked if any more action had been taken toward approval of a traffic light at the intersection of 119th and 13th Streets. Vice Mayor Martz said no but that traffic counts and other studies were still planned.

Action: No formal action taken.

Staff Presentation

Proposed Amendments to Electrical Code

Wayne Bolen, Office of Central Inspection, presented information regarding proposed amendments to the city's electrical code. The Office of Central Inspection (OCI) and the Board of Electrical Appeals (BOEA) plan to submit several proposed amendments to the City of Wichita Electrical Code (Title 19) to the City Council for review and action in the near future. Bolen stated that OCI and the BOEA have reviewed the latest edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC) and requested input (including hosting a public hearing) from various electrical trade organization and other interested individuals about adopting proposed amendments to the code from the current edition of NEC. During the revision and update process, the Wichita Area Builders Association (WABA) opposed the proposed requirement of Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) outlets be installed in bedrooms for new construction due to cost. Costs were determined to be approximate \$100-150 for a typical 1,500 square foot 3-bedroom dwelling. The BOEA voted unanimously to retain this section from the 2002 NEC for City code.

Board Members made comments including **Garcia**, who stated that she had served as a Delegate to National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) and would also support the requirement for all existing homes undergoing renovation. Garcia recommended that the City Council consider increasing the requirement, as stated. **Dennis** asked several technical questions about the homeowner making this upgrade in their own home to which Bolen discussed how that could be accomplished for both Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter and Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter.

Action: Receive and file.

Vice Mayor Martz reminded everyone that the next meeting for District V Advisory Board is scheduled on March 3, 2003 at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at 7:00 P.M.

With no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V